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DANGEROUS REDS BEING SMUGGLED INTO STATES

HUNDREDS A DAY COMING FROM EUROPE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION FINDS STARTLING CONDITIONS—BOLSHEVIKS GO TO OTHER COUNTRIES THEN SHIP FOR AMERICA, SOME GOING THROUGH MEXICO.

(By United Press.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 24—Dangerous Reds are being smuggled into the United States at the rate of a hundred a day according to data collected by the House Committee on immigration investigating the alleged failure of the Department of Labor to deport Alien radicals. Representative Johnson, chairman of the committee, said the committee had learned the Russian Reds are pouring into Switzerland, Tokio and Yokohama seeking a means to reach the United States. Great numbers also are said to be entering Mexico from both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts from whence they are taken by soviet agents to unguarded points along the border and brought into the States.

AMERICAN DOCTOR DOING A GREAT WORK IN RUSSIA.

Captain Plankers Is Fastest Moving American in War Devastated Poland.

(By United Press.)
KOBRYN, Eastern Poland, Nov. 24—The fastest moving American in Poland is Captain Arthur G. Plankers, St. Paul doctor who is in charge of a relief unit that is based on Kobryn.

The Kobryn field unit has widely distributed activities that keep its chief constantly vibrating between Ernest-Lubovsk, on the west, and Pinsk, on the east. Between these two widely separated points the American physician has organized various local welfare and relief enterprises, all of which are under his constant personal supervision.

Hospitals, schools and orphanages in many towns and cities far to the east and west have been investigated by Captain Plankers and furnished with vitally needed supplies. Besides helping those already existing and in distress, he has been instrumental in getting new institutions established at points where they were greatly needed.

Work for the children is a feature of relief activity that is being strenuously promoted by the American doctor. In several other towns as well as in Kobryn he got the women to start sewing rooms, where clothing is made for needy school children.

OIL PROSPERS SCHOOL

(By United Press.)
Oklahoma City, Nov. 24.—Oklahoma schools receive \$2,000,000 a year from bonuses, royalties and rentals of school lands leased for oil, gas and other mineral purposes, according to figures recently made public.

Greater development of the fields now in operation or the addition of new ones will cause the annual income to mount upward until the permanent school funds will amount to many millions.

More than a million and a half barrels of oil were taken from the State school lands during the past fiscal year. Millions of feet of natural gas were also sold.

JOHN B. FLINN, A PIONEER CITIZEN, CLAIMED BY DEATH

ONE OF PALATKA'S MOST SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MEN PASSES AWAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS—WAS EXAMPLE OF THE SELF MADE MAN.

John B. Flinn, one of Palatka's most substantial and successful business men, died Sunday afternoon shortly after noon at his home on Palatka Heights after a long illness. While his friends knew that he was seriously ill, death was unexpected, as he seemed to be resting very comfortably for the few days preceding.

He had been a sufferer from Bright's disease for a number of years, but has been confined to his house for only two weeks. Up to the moment of his death today he appeared as comfortable as at any time during his last illness. Shortly after the lunch hour today he awoke from quiet sleep and asked his nurse who the friends were who were talking at the gate. Upon being told he commented pleasantly regarding them and resting his head again upon his pillow immediately expired.

Jack Flinn, as he was familiarly called by his friends, by his own efforts unassisted by anything or anybody, succeeded beyond the measure attained by most of his fellow mortals. He was born in Madison December 28, 1862, but moved to Jacksonville while still a lad, and there resided until the early nineties, when he came to Palatka as one of the four partners owning the El Perfecto Cigar Manufacturing Company, the other three being Messrs. G. Loper Bailey, Charles M. Hillard and M. J. Wineman. After a few years Mr. Flinn acquired the cigar factory by purchase and changed the name to the El Perfecto Cigar Manufacturing Company. The business for many years has been one of the most prosperous enterprises in the city. Mr. Flinn devoted considerable attention to real estate during several years, and was one of the largest property holders in Palatka.

Robust in stature and of cheery disposition, Jack Flinn's friends were as many as those who ever received his hand in friendly clasp. He was the soul of wit, and his presence in a crowd of his friends meant a feast in life's happier vein. Friends throughout Florida will learn of his passing with sincere regret. He is survived by his wife and one son, John E. Flinn, Jr.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 at the residence on Palatka Heights. Rev. J. H. Weber-Thompson, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church will conduct the ceremony. Interment will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

The honorary pall bearers will be G. Loper Bailey, J. N. Blackwell, F. J. Fearnside, R. F. Adams, L. F. Jackson and Leo Jacobson. The active pall bearers will be F. J. Stone, S. J. Hilburn, Charles Burt, Robert Coleman, Con Marvin, John Mallen, W. A. Walton and D. C. Townsend.

STRIKE LEADER PARDONED

(By United Press.)
MELBOURNE, Nov. 24.—The attitude of the commonwealth government in dealing with the seamen's strike is recalled by the release here of Thomas Walsh, general secretary of the Seamen's Federation, after serving two months of a three months' jail sentence and paying a fine of \$1,000, imposed upon him for having urged the continuation of the seamen's strike. Walsh's release was brought about by the Australian government's recommendation to the governor-general that he be pardoned.

"CRUEL HOAX" IS MARSHALL'S TERM FOR GHASTLY JOKE

VICE-PRESIDENT LEAVES ATLANTA VERY ANGRY AT UNKNOWN WHO TELEPHONED WHILE HE WAS SPEAKING THAT PRESIDENT WILSON WAS DEAD.

(By United Press.)

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 24—Before leaving here this morning at 1 o'clock for Charlotte Vice-President Marshall characterized the false telephone message sent to the auditorium last night, announcing the death of President Wilson as a "cruel Hoax", which should be followed by punishment of the guilty person.

While the vice-president was speaking some one called the auditorium and announced that President Wilson was dead.

C. T. Christian, engineer of the building, received the telephone call and a policeman carried the news to the stage and told it to Charles G. Haden, a prominent Atlanta business man. Coming as it did from the policeman, Mr. Haden informed the vice-president that "the president is dead." Mr. Marshall bowed his head and appeared overcome. Others on the stage heard the whispered words and for a few moments all was silent. Then recovering himself to a degree, the vice president told the audience what had been told him. He could hardly speak. Women broke into weeping, and some one began to play Nearer My God to Thee on the immense organ.

Mr. Marshall came here to speak in behalf of a fraternal order and had not made more than half his address when the interruption came. He was paying a tribute to Washington and Lincoln as "men who are not dead," when he was interrupted by the announcement.

NEED TWO MORE CENSUS ENUMERATORS IN CITY

Two more good citizens are needed to act as enumerators during the taking of the census in Palatka in January. Postmaster Stumpe has received urgent request from the department to secure these men at the earliest possible moment in order that they may be instructed in the method of taking the census.

One reason for failure to secure the pay provided for enumerators. In many cities local civic organizations have raised a fund to increase this pay in order to secure men who would be efficient in the work. It is pointed out that the taking of the census is highly important to any community, and especially to the growing towns of Florida.

PRESIDENT WRITING MESSAGE.

Has Sufficiently Recovered To Take Up Important Task.

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 24—President Wilson, rapidly recovering from his nervous breakdown, today was engaged on first, writing a message to Congress urging a program of domestic legislation; second preparing a message to the new industrial commission; third, planning a second fight for ratification of the Peace Treaty, fourth, selecting a new secretary of the treasury and secretary of commerce; fifth, studying the coal strike. The President confers daily with Tumulty on important subjects.

SHEATS ORDERED TO APPROVE PAY OF AN INSPECTOR

SUPREME COURT SAYS HE MUST APPROVE SALARY VOUCHER OF INSPECTOR HOLLOWAY—CASE HAS ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST.

TALLAHASSEE, Nov. 24—Upon petition of W. M. Holloway, through his attorney William J. Owen, in the case of the State of Florida upon the relation of W. M. Holloway, relator vs. William N. Sheats as state superintendent of public instruction of the state of Florida, respondent, the supreme court has issued an alternative writ of mandamus commanding the said William N. Sheats as state superintendent to issue upon the comptroller of the state of Florida his requisition in favor of the said W. M. Holloway for the salary earned by the latter as rural school inspector of the state of Florida from and after the date of his commission, August 28, 1919, up to November 1, and that he likewise issue his requisition upon the comptroller of the state for Mr. Holloway's traveling expenses as rural school inspector during the same period, as same may be properly vouchered and reported to the said William N. Sheats as state superintendent, or to show cause why he should not do so. The alternative writ is made returnable to, Wednesday November 25.

This action follows the refusal of Superintendent Sheats to approve the salary claim of Mr. Holloway as rural school inspector. The act under which Mr. Holloway was appointed to this position provides for the appointment of two such inspectors by the governor upon the nomination of state superintendent. A vacancy occurred in one of these offices this summer. The state superintendent nominated some two or more persons to be appointed by the governor, but such nominations were not approved by the governor. Subsequently and after two ladies had been nominated to the governor the chief executive appointed Holloway on the 28th of August A. D. 1919, subject to the state board of education and the petitioner was thereafter duly sworn and commissioned.

Superintendent Sheats in refusing to requisition the comptroller for Holloway's salary took the position that such appointment, made without his nomination, is illegal and of no effect and the court is asked to determine whether or not the governor has the right to make an appointment under him by the constitution of Florida without regard to any nomination by the state superintendent of public instruction, as provided in and by said act, or whereunder the terms of said act the chief executive and state superintendent cannot agree upon an appointee.

HIGHWAYMEN IN JAX.

Hold Up Two Men and Secure About \$1,000 In Loot.

JACKSONVILLE, Nov. 24—Two negro highwaymen, thought to be the same desperadoes who have been working here for some weeks, held up and robbed three white men near the Atlantic Coast Line railroad shops at a late hour Saturday night. The negroes secured about \$438 in cash and a diamond ring valued at \$600. The white men, Harley Crews, his brother, and another man, were walking along a road when they were suddenly confronted by the desperadoes. The white men were covered with revolvers and were told to make no effort at resistance. The pockets of the white men were searched and every article of value was taken.

SEWANNEE CADETS WILL ARRIVE IN PALATKA JAN. 3

W. A. DAVIDSON WILL BE HERE IN FEW DAYS TO GET BUILDING IN SHAPE—WILL HAVE CHARGE OF FURNISHING MEALS FOR THE STUDENTS—DRILL ON COURT HOUSE SQUARE

It has been definitely announced that thirty instructors and 250 students of the Sewanee Military Academy will arrive in Palatka on January 3, 1920, for the spring term of the academy, occupying the Putnam House for class rooms and dormitory.

W. A. Davidson, a well known hotel man and steward of Jacksonville, is expected here in a few days to prepare the kitchen and dining hall for reception of the students. He will also look after the heating plant and make such other changes in the building as the academy officials may designate.

Drill at Court House

The court house lawn will be used by the students as drill and parade grounds, unless the instructors prefer to go to the base ball park. Either of these places will be made available to them. As this is the military department of the University of the South strict military discipline will be maintained. There will be regular United States Army officers among the instructors, physical directors and athletic coaches. It is expected that a strong base ball team will be organized and the regular playing schedule of the university will be arranged from here.

It is also the intention of the physical director to arrange for regattas on the river, the students participating in the races, something they have not had opportunity to take part in before.

DEATH LIST AT DANCE HAS GROWN TO 28

(By United Press.)

VILLA PLATTE, La., Nov. 24—The death list from the fire here in a dance hall Saturday night has reached twenty-eight with the recovery of bodies of twenty-two women and six men.

Among the dead are members of many prominent families. Some of the corpses were charred beyond recognition of identification.

The fire started on the ground floor and swiftly enveloped the dance hall, causing a wild panic. The only exit was a flight of narrow stairs, which became choked in an instant. Not a few of the victims were trampled to death, while others stumbling over prostrate forms, hurried into the flames below. A large number of the dancers, recognizing that they were trapped and that only death awaited them on the stairway, leaped from the windows, escaping with injuries more or less serious.

SEND NOTE TO GERMANY.

(By United Press.)

PARIS, Nov. 24—The Supreme Council today discussed the situation made by the departure of the German delegates sent here to discuss methods for carrying out the terms of the Peace Treaty and decided to send a note to Germany. The Council also decided that further negotiations between the Poles and Germans over the boundary questions will be held in Paris.

MINERS WILL INSIST ON A 31 CENT WAGE

NEW CONVENTION OF WORKERS WILL BE CALLED TO ACT ON ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNION OFFICIALS AND OPERATORS NOW IN SESSION.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24—A new convention of the United Mine Workers will be called to act upon any settlement of the coal strike reached by the Union officials in conference with the operators here, President Lewis said today.

"We shall not recommend a settlement to the convention on any less basis than a thirty one per cent wage increase, as proposed by Secretary Wilson" Lewis said. He denied reports that the operators had offered to settle on a basis of a twenty-five per cent increase.

Fuel administrator Garfield today was considering calling a joint conference of both operators and miners for late today.

MRS. GEORGE LEWIS DEAD.

Prominent Tallahassee Woman Passes Away Suddenly.

TALLAHASSEE, Nov. 24—The hosts of friends of Mrs. George Lewis all over the state of Florida will learn with deep sorrow of her death, which occurred very suddenly Friday evening. Mrs. Lewis, who was the wife of Mr. George Lewis, president of the Lewis State Bank of Tallahassee, was a native Tallahasseean and was universally beloved by all citizens of the capital city. Although advanced in years she had retained her activity and vigor and even upon the day of her death had been calling with friends, apparently in the best of health. Her death came very suddenly and painlessly early Friday evening just as she was upon the eve of retiring.

Mrs. Lewis, who, prior to her marriage, was Miss Elizabeth Douglas, was a daughter of Judge Samuel J. Douglass and a granddaughter of Governor Thomas Brown. She was always prominent in the social life of Tallahassee and her death will be a source of deep sorrow to all her friends, who will remember with love and gratitude her generous thoughtfulness and kindness to all.

LEFFINGWELL SLATED FOR SECRETARY OF TREASURY.

Barney Baruch Also Mentioned as Secretary of Commerce.

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 24—It was stated in unofficial circles here today that H. C. Leffingwell will be named by the President as secretary of the treasury to succeed Carter Glass and that Barney Baruch will be named secretary of commerce.

It is stated that the position of secretary of commerce was tendered to Herbert Hoover, but that he declined it.

THEY DON'T DRINK BEER.

Supreme Court Adjourns Without Deciding Prohi Case.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24—The Supreme Court today adjourned until December eight without announcing a decision as to the constitutionality or legality of the two seventy five per cent. beer.